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Outdoor Heritage Fund Status and Final Report Form/Guidelines			
This report is used to show progress of grant projects funded through the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Status Reports and the Final Report must be submitted as required in Contract.			
Contract Number 001-005	Report Date 4/26/2016	Period Covered by Report (05/01/15 to 04/30/2016)	
Project Name North Dakota Hen House Project I			
Project Sponsor Name Delta Waterfowl			
Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) Chouinard, Matthew D		Responsible Official's Title Senior Waterfowl Programs Manager	
Project Sponsor Address 1312 Basin Ave			
City Bismarck	State ND	Zip Code 58504	Telephone Number 701-222-8857
Financial Update			
Please provide the following information regarding the funding for your project based on the contract award:			
<u>Funds Spent this Reporting Period</u>			
(As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases)			
Match Funding \$			
In-kind Funding \$438.88			
OHF Funding Requested for Reimbursement \$2,251 232.6			
Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$2689.88 2,764.88			
<u>Total Funds Spent to Date</u>			
Match Funding \$			
In-kind Funding \$2944.02			
OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$15,030.45 15,105.45			
Total Funding Expended to Date \$17,974.47 18,049.47			
<u>Balance of Grant Funds</u>			
Match Funding \$			
In-kind Funding \$455.98			
OHF Funding still to be Requested \$18,969.53 18,894.55			
Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$37,400.00			
Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension If yes, please explain			
// Yes // No			

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:

(This information will be posted on the Outdoor Heritage Fund/Industrial Commission website)

This grant report covers Delta Waterfowl activities on North Dakota Hen House Project I from 5/1/2015 to 4/30/2016. In winter 2014-2015, contractors installed 121 Hen Houses near Woodworth, North Dakota. In May 2015, Delta Waterfowl staff inspected the new nest structures and found most to be in great shape, with several already occupied by mallards. For first-year structures, usage rates (percentage of structures occupied during the nesting season) typically start low (10-30%) but increase over time. It was encouraging to see several new Hen Houses already used in the first year.



In May 2015, Delta Waterfowl staff checking a Hen House near Woodworth, North Dakota. This one was occupied by a nesting mallard.

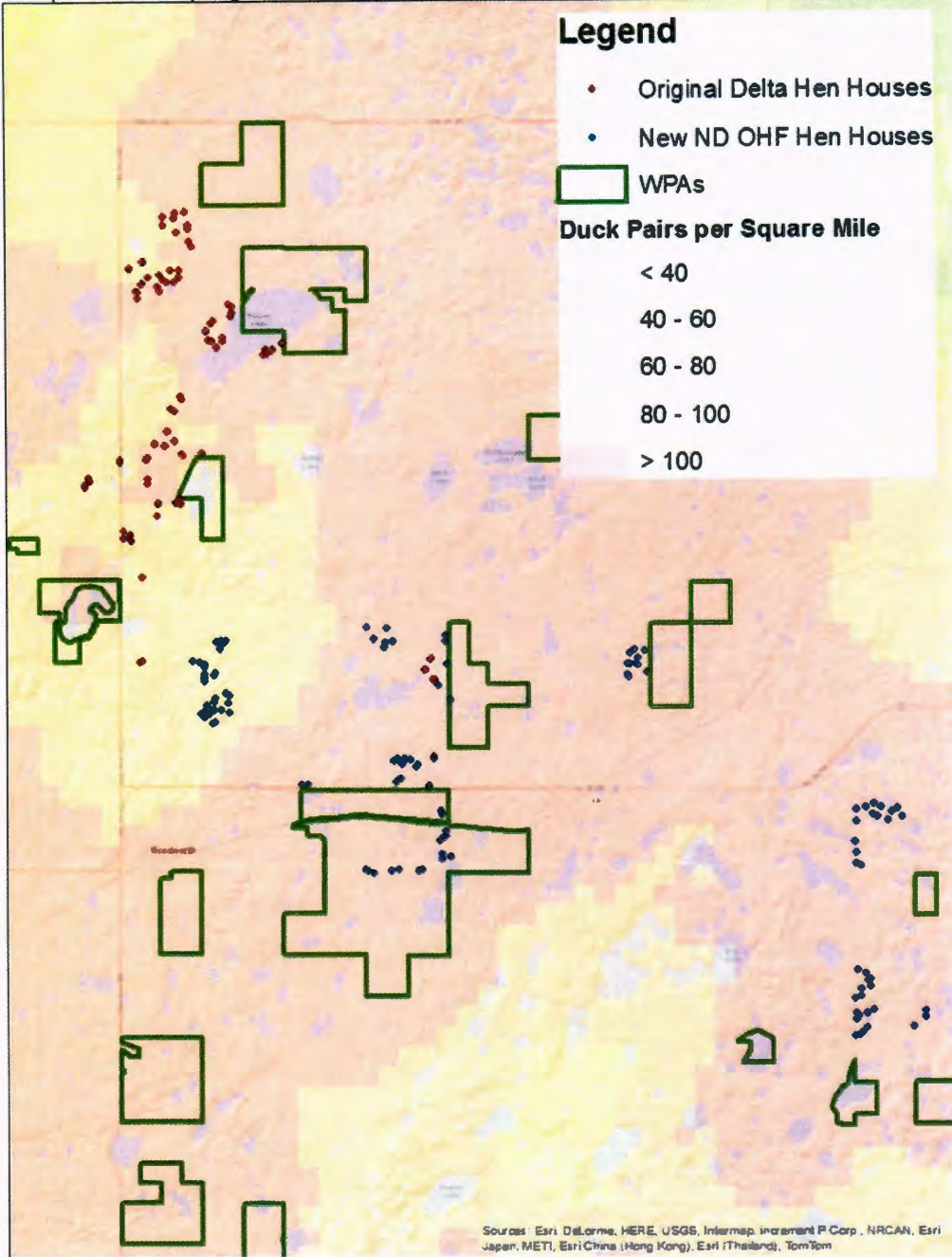
In late December 2015, Delta Waterfowl Hen House contractors began to visit project Hen Houses to complete annual maintenance. This work is typically conducted when wetlands are frozen to facilitate easy access to the nest structures. During maintenance visits, contractors remove old nest remains (eggs, eggshells, feathers, etc.), replace grass nesting material, and repair any damage to the Hen Houses. For each structure, contractors document evidence of nest(s) during the previous breeding season. This information is submitted to Delta Waterfowl staff, entered into a database, and evaluated to determine usage rate (percentage of Hen Houses used during a nesting season).

In 2015, 15% of the new Hen Houses were used by nesting mallards. This is a typical usage rate for new Hen Houses in North Dakota and will likely increase significantly in 2016 when nesting hens and their offspring return to nest in them again. The usage rate of existing Hen Houses (installed in 2004) in the Woodworth area was 57% in 2015.

Contractors completed the Hen House evaluations and maintenance in late March 2016. During maintenance visits, contractors found five Hen Houses that were damaged by ice movement and another 13 that were inadvertently burned, along with cattail and other wetland vegetation, by the producer renting the property. The posts and cradles were salvaged and placed in alternate locations, along with rebuilt tunnels. In total, 22 replacement Hen Houses were installed and 126 project structures will be ready for nesting mallards in 2016.

Over the next month, Delta Waterfowl staff and/or contractors will visually inspect a sample of the Hen Houses to determine if any damage occurred during spring thaw. On occasion, the thick sheets of ice covering wetlands will shift as they melt, bending or pushing over nest structure posts. Usage rates and estimated duck production for 2016 will be provided in the April 2017 project report. Delta Waterfowl sincerely appreciates the Outdoor Heritage Fund and the support of this project by the State of North Dakota.

Photos of work completed are welcome (If appropriate, please submit photos of key elements of the project completed or in progress during reporting period) Do not exceed five photos per project report.



Signature of Responsible Official

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